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### **RANCHER RELEASED**

**TUCSON, Ariz.** –The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on May 11, 2004, Luther W. Klump, a.k.a. Wally, DOB 5/18/33, of Willcox, Ariz, was released by United States District Judge John Roll in Tucson.

Klump was released from federal prison after his attorney Heather Williams informed the judge that the cattle had been removed from government land earlier this week. Klump had been held in contempt of court since April 21, 2003, because he refused to comply with court orders that required him to remove his cattle from the federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The government chose not to remove the cattle because Klump had made threats to take up arms against government officials who did so.

The U.S. recommended Klump's release but voiced concerns to Judge Roll about threats that were recently quoted in a national news outlet.

The prosecution was handled by Jennifer Guerin, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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